

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

As an American, I am shocked that a public TV conglomerate will be used to promote partisanship. Sinclair, by trying to classify its broadcast as news, is going to skirt FCC regulation. This should be unlawful since the original film has been distributed as a DVD, therefore should not constitute a news story.

The FCC is the only thing that can moderate, censure and stop this type of outrageous propaganda. The FCC is what stands between democracy and fascism. If you do not act by will of the people, then surely the people will act. Do your job or the American people will find better uses for their tax dollars. Such as employing legislators and FCC commissioners that support the principles of a free society, not institute back door favoritism for one's own party distinction.

The FCC has sought to censure Howard Stern for minor indecency violations, and strongly censured the public airwaves when a nipple appeared during the Superbowl. These minor political storms surely don't equate to this level of an egregious violation and should secure your immediate intervention.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.